Long Term Loan to Government of Karnataka

*536. SMT. BASAVA RAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received request from the Government of Karnataka for grant of long term loan to the State to overcome the financial problems during 1990-91:

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon:

(c) if no decision has been taken, the reasons for delay;

(d) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard;

(e) the total amount of loans provided to the State during 1990-91; and

(f) the loans proposed to be provided during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka had requested the Government of India for waiving off the recovery of advance Plan assistance of Rs. 66.56 crores outstanding as on 1-4-1990, or alternatively for conversion of the amount into long term loan repayable over a period of 20 years.

(b) The State Government's request could not be acceded to as the principle for adjustment of advance Plan assistance is uniformly applicable to all the States and any relaxation in the case of Karnataka would have disturbed the funding pattern of the Annual Plans of the States for 1990-91.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above, these questions do not arise.

(e) and (f) The loan component of the likely transfers to the Government of Karnataka this year under various heads like Central Plan assistance, assistance for externally aided projects, special assistance for development of Western Ghats, collection of small savings etc. are likely to be of the order of Rs. 650 crores as against Rs. 440.42 crores in 1990-91.

[Translation]

World Bank Assistance for Reconstruction of National Highways

*537. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has agreed to provide partial financial assistance for the reconstruction of some National Highways:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any amount has been allocated for reconstruction and widening of National Highways passing through Bihar;

(d) if so, the length of Highways being covered under the scheme and the total amount earmarked for the purpose; and

(e) the agency to whom the work is likely to be awarded?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Details of the National Highway projects for which loan has already been signed with the World Bank are given in the statement below.

(c) No National Highway project in Bihar has been included in the World Bank loan assistance.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of work	NH No.	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. crores)
1.	Construction of a new dual carriageway expressway linking the cities of Ahmedabad and Vadodara in the main Delhi-Bombay Corridor on NH. 8	8	137.20
2.	Widening to four-lanes and strengthening existing carriageway Murthal to Karnal (km. 50-130)	1	40.16
3.	Widening to 4-lanes and strengthening existing carriageway from Sirhind to Jullunder (km. 252.25-372.7)	1	67.58
4	Provision of an additional 2-lane carriageway and strengthening of existing 2-lane from km. 27/8 to 67 and strengthening from 67-160/2.	45	68.49
5.	Construction of a two-lane bypass of the city Varanasi including a major bridge over the Ganga river.	2	49.92
6.	Construction of a new 2-lane road with at grade inter-section and service road linking centres of Dankuni & Palsit in the main Calcutta-Delhi Corridor.	2	54.17

[English]

World Bank assistance for projects in Garhwal and Chamoli regions

*538. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the developmental schemes or projects in progress in Garhwal and Chamoli regions under the aegis of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);

(b) the names of projects in these two regions which are being implemented with aid from the World Bank;

(c) whether the World Bank has offered assistance for widening of the road from Srinagar in Garhwal to Badrinath, and